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SUP. WEISHAN URGES MMSD TO FOCUS ON RESIDENTIAL FLOOD REDUCTION RATHER THAN DEVELOPING FARMLAND

Milwaukee, WI –Milwaukee County Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., who represents parts of West Allis, Greenfield and Milwaukee’s southwest side, is calling on the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) to reconsider its decision to spend \$41 million of public funds to expand a sanitary sewer in Franklin.

“It’s beyond me why MMSD wants to spend \$41 million to build a sewer in a cornfield in Franklin while we have properties in the existing MMSD service area that are routinely flooded,” Supervisor Weishan said. “My district includes many neighborhoods that have been paying property taxes to MMSD for decades. Some of these properties have been flooded, and a few are even at risk of falling into the Kinnickinnic River without intervention. If MMSD is looking to spend this \$41 million, it should be invested in neighborhoods that truly need help.”

Supervisor Weishan is the author of a resolution, to be considered at the County Board’s Intergovernmental Relations Committee Monday afternoon, asking MMSD to instead use the funds for flood control and pollution prevention in areas already within the MMSD district. The resolution establishes Milwaukee County’s opposition to the City of Franklin’s use of eminent domain to acquire private land for the Ryan Creek Interceptor project over the objection of the landowner.

“The speculation that Franklin is going to see some sort of development boom in this economy is overblown,” Supervisor Weishan added. “Given the chronic sewer overflows and flooding of our communities, we need to make sure our existing developed areas can be protected before expanding the MMSD district beyond the current boundaries.”

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